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Improvement to cattle-wealth in Tanjore.

278 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Animal Husbandry be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation from Orathanad Panchayat requesting the Government to improve the cattle-wealth in Tanjore district; and

(*b*) if so, the action proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" (*a*) & (*b*) In an address presented to me on 11th February 1954, the Orathanad Panchayat Board requested that the Agricultural Training School at Orathanad be not abolished but converted into a Livestock Farm. A similar representation has been received from the Ryots' Association, Pattukkottai. The question of the possibility of opening a Livestock Farm is under examination."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM:—" On a point of order, Sir. May I know what happened to question No. 277? "

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member said that he is not putting that question."

*SRI S. RAMALINGAM:—" தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவிலுள்ள ஒரத்தநாடு, பட்டுக்கோட்டை தாலூக்காக்களிலுள்ள கால்நடைகள் பராமரிப்புக்கு போதிய கவனம் செலுத்தப்படாததினால், இந்த விஷயத்தில் உடனடியாக கவனம் செலுத்தி, ஒரத்தநாடு பள்ளிக்கூடத்தைக் கால்நடைப் பராமரிப்பு இடமாக மாற்றுவதற்கு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்போகிறார்கள் என்றுதான் சர்க்காரைக் கேட்க நான் ஆசைப்படுகிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER:—" The matter is under the very sympathetic consideration of the Government."

Hydrogenation Factory, Kozhikode.

* 279 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Hydrogenation Factory in Kozhikode is not working to its full capacity; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Government Hydrogenation Factory, Kozhikode, has not yet commenced production."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN:—" What is the reason for this, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" Originally, there was a power cut. Therefore, it was not possible to give new connexions. When the power cut was restored, it was thought reasonable to give priority to small-scale industrialists and people who have invested their whole fortune in the

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industry. Now there is power and we have already taken a trial run for the purpose of oil refining for the Kozhikode Oil Factory and private factories. As soon as this succeeds, as I am sure it will, the question of starting this factory will be taken into account.''

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—'' May I know whether it is a fact that large quantities of oil stored in the factory got spoiled and had to be buried? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' I have no information. If the hon. Member puts a separate question, I shall be able to answer it.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—'' What is the total loss incurred by the Government as a result of the large number of tins and other vessels, purchased by the Government, getting rusty? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' I would like to have notice. A separate question may be put, Sir.''

SRI P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—'' Is there any proposal to transfer the factory to any private agency? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' There is at present no offer from anybody to purchase this factory. But, if we get a reasonable offer, the Government will certainly consider it.''

SRI O. KORAN :—'' May I know whether any staff is maintained in the factory and if so, the expenditure incurred on its maintenance during 1952–53? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' A skeleton staff is kept to see that things are not spoiled. As for the actual expenditure incurred on the staff, the hon. Member may put a separate question.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' In view of the fact that this factory at Kozhikode was established to ease the hardship experienced in the supply of oils for industries and also to give facilities for training in hydrogenation and oil refining, will the Government be pleased to relieve the hardship by starting the factory at an early date? ''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—'' Yes, Sir. Refining of oil has been undertaken and the public and businessmen of Kozhikode are taking advantage of it.

So far as the other question is concerned, unless we get current, how can we start the factory? ''

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—'' The Hon. Minister said that the Government would consider any reasonable offer from private persons. There was anxiety in Malabar about this matter, viz., that the Government had some such proposal. I think

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a Cabinet Committee went into the matter and the Government gave a categorical assurance that they would themselves run the factory. That being the case, how does the Hon. the Minister for Labour now say that the Government would consider the proposal from private persons if there was a good offer? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I think the Committee decided that the machinery should be run for some time because nobody will buy a factory which is not working. When once the factory starts working, then the question as to whether we have to run it or can entrust it to private individuals in case there is a good offer from them, can be considered. When I said that we will 'consider', it does not necessarily mean that we will ask private persons to run the factory. After consideration of their offers, we may refuse them."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" For how long the staff is kept in the factory without doing any work and what is the amount that the Government have spent on them? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" As I said, we are only keeping a skeleton staff which is intended to keep the machinery in proper condition. As for the expenditure incurred by the Government, as I said to another hon. Member, if he puts a separate question, I shall let him know."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Will the Government give us an assurance that they will not transfer this hydrogenation factory to private management even if the offer is good? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I said there is no intention now of transferring it. But it all depends on how the factory works, and what the financial commitment to the Government is. I suppose the hon. Member himself will not want the Government to run the factory if we were to incur a loss to the extent of Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 lakhs. If there is a loss, the hon. Member will himself come forward and say that the Government should not run the factory. That is why I said that we may consider this question at a later stage."

Appointment of Law Graduates of Executive Officers of temples.

* 280 *Q.*—SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) How many I and II Grade temples there are in the State;

(*b*) in how many of them Law Graduates have been posted as Executive Officers; and

(*c*) their scale of pay?